

ECI Leading MEF OpenLSO Service Fulfillment Project To Enable Multi-Provider Third Network Services

Successfully Demonstrated Inter-Carrier Layer 3 VPN Service Fulfillment Using ECI's Open-Source LSO Innovation Platform

Will Further Demonstrate Ability To Provision Dynamic CE 2.0 Service Across Multiple Providers In POC Showcase and Sponsor the LSO Hackathon at MEF16 in November

Los Angeles, California and Petach Tikva, Israel, 29 September 2016 --- MEF (www.mef.net), the driving force enabling agile, assured, and orchestrated Third Network services, and ECI, a global provider of ELASTIC Network® solutions, announced today that ECI is leading MEF's OpenLSO Service Fulfillment project. This project is an important element of MEF's Open Initiatives work to accelerate the industry transition to Third Network services that are delivered over automated, virtualized, and interconnected networks powered by LSO, SDN, and NFV.

MEF has created OpenLSO (Open Lifecycle Service Orchestration) and OpenCS (Open Connectivity Services) reference implementations and is working with prominent open source projects and member companies to maximize alignment of market implementations with MEF's published and emerging LSO and connectivity services specifications. MEF has launched OpenLSO projects on fulfillment and other orchestration capabilities with the goal of accelerating adoption of LSO specifications, ensuring development of standardized open APIs, and maximizing alignment between LSO specifications and both open and closed source code.

ECI has developed their own open source Innovation Platform (EPIC) that will be used for the OpenLSO Service Fulfillment project which will seamlessly enable interoperability between service providers worldwide. ECI's EPIC platform will work toward a "vendor-agnostic" vision to deliver real-time control and assure network performance across carriers. The EPIC solution provides customers with a centralized platform that configures and monitors the network. The platform will provide automated fulfillment and assurance of complex services across legacy, SDN, NFV, and cloud networks.

At the recent MEF annual members meeting in Boston, ECI successfully demonstrated EPIC's inter-carrier L3VPN service fulfillment. ECI showed, for the first time, how open LSO APIs could allow a customer using a web portal to instantly provision a L3VPN service from UNI to UNI over two provider networks. Moreover, the demonstration clearly overcame issues pertaining to L3VPN deployment that require coordinated border configuration.

At MEF16, ECI's EPIC platform will be used to showcase how a CE 2.0 E-Line service with a bandwidth on-demand requirement can be provisioned and orchestrated across multiple service and cloud providers using the MEF LSO Reference Architecture. Tata Communications, Comcast, and Telecom Italia Sparkle also are participating in this pioneering demonstration enabling cloud-based applications and connectivity.

"ECI's contribution to OpenLSO Service Fulfillment is clearly driving industry innovation forward. The demonstration in Boston was very impressive, and we expect to experience even more at



MEF16. We look forward to continuing on this exciting journey together,” said MEF CTO Pascal Menezes.

“ECI is leading the initiative to put theory into practice, while simultaneously driving standards through code. The partnership between ECI and MEF is a natural fit for ECI’s vision of enabling open, vendor-agnostic, and secure networks in the future,” said ECI CTO Mr. Hayim Porat.

About MEF & MEF16

MEF is the driving force enabling Third Network services for the digital economy and the hyper-connected world. The Third Network concept combines the agility and ubiquity of the internet with the assurance and security of CE 2.0. Third Network services provide an on-demand, orchestrated, and assured experience with user-directed control over network resources and cloud connectivity. Third Network services are delivered over automated, virtualized, and interconnected networks powered by LSO, SDN, NFV, and CE 2.0.

MEF leverages its global 200+ network operators and technology vendor community, builds upon the robust \$80 billion Carrier Ethernet market, and provides a practical evolution to the Third Network with LSO, SDN, and NFV implementations that build upon a CE 2.0 foundation. See www.MEF.net for more information.

MEF is the host of the MEF16 (www.MEF16.com) global networking event that will be held during 7–10 November 2016 at the Baltimore Inner Harbor Hotel in Baltimore/Washington, USA. This year’s event will expand popular elements of last year’s program, including the MEF Excellence Awards Dinner, Proof of Concept Service & Technology Showcase, LSO Hackathon, and Global Media Hub. MEF16 will feature new Workshops on LSO, Open Initiatives, MEF Certification Programs (services, technology, professionals), and Wholesale Services & Interconnection. Also new for 2016 is the forward-looking UNITE Partners Summit focusing on standards and open source solutions for Third Network orchestrated services.

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About ECI

ECI is a global provider of ELASTIC network solutions to CSPs, critical infrastructures as well as data center operators. Along with its long-standing, industry-proven packet-optical transport, ECI offers a variety of SDN/NFV applications, end-to-end network management, a comprehensive cyber security solution, and a range of professional services. ECI’s ELASTIC solutions ensure open, future-proof, and secure communications. With ECI, customers have the luxury of choosing a network that can be tailor-made to their needs today as well as seamlessly and cost effectively upgraded to meet future requirements. For more information, visit us at www.ecitele.com.

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